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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the second time period" in line 4 of the claim.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for the claim.

Claims 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 22 recites the limitation "the controller" in lines 5 and 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Claims 1-2 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Raese (US 6700853).

Regarding claim 1, Raese discloses a semiconductor memory comprising: a controller (1000, fig. 11); a media including first information (fig. 7); and first read/write mechanism including an electron field emitter (fig. 10), configured to read the first information (col. 7 lines 1-6); wherein the controller is configured to receive a first signal generated in response to the first information being read, and wherein the controller is configured to generate a second signal configured to cause a position of the media to be adjusted relative to the electron field emitter in response to the first signal (col. 7 lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 2, Raese further discloses wherein the first information comprises position information (col. 7 lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 22, Raese further discloses an atomic resolution storage device comprising: a media including servo information; (100, fig. 10 and 740, fig. 7) a field emitter associated with the media, configured to read the servo information (1002, fig. 10); wherein the controller is configured to receive a first signal generated in response

to the servo information being read, and wherein the controller is configured to generate a second signal (col. 7 lines 1-6; a mover configured to adjust the position of the media relative to field emitter in response to the second signal (col. 7 lines 1-6 and 1121 fig. 1) .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marshall (US 2002/0122373) in view of Guzik et al (US 2002/0114101).

Regarding claim 1, Marshall discloses a semiconductor memory comprising: a controller (fig. 2); a media including first information (fig. 7); and first read/write mechanism including an electron field emitter (fig. 15), configured to read the first information (par. 31). Marshall further discloses wherein the controller controls the movement of the medium to create any desired read/write path (par. 66). Marshall fails to disclose wherein the controller is configured to receive a first signal generated in response to the first information being read, and wherein the controller is configured to generate a second signal configured to cause a position of the media to be adjusted relative to the electron field emitter in response to the first signal. In the same field of

endeavor, Guzik discloses using a servo burst to adjust the position of the medium and the recording source (par.66). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the storage device disclosed by Marshall in order to provide information on the medium for generating a positioning signal as taught by Guzik. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to generate positioning adjustment signal from information on a semiconductor memory in order to adjust the 'tracking error' of the read/write means with respect to the data bits on the memory.

Regarding claim 2, Guzik further discloses wherein the first information comprises position information (59, fig. 3).

Regarding claim 3, Marshall discloses wherein the first information comprises timing information (par. 66). Guzik further discloses wherein the first information comprises timing information (par. 60).

Regarding claim 4, Marshall disclose a mover configured to move the position of the media relative to the read/write mechanism in response to a control signal (par. 69 and par. 89 and fig. 14). Guzik discloses a mover configured to adjust the position of the media relative to the first read/write mechanism in response to the second signal (par. 64). The rationale for combining Marshall and Guzik follows as in claim 1.

Regarding claim 5, Marshall discloses a second read/write mechanism configured to read information from the media (par. 37); wherein the mover is

configured to adjust the position of the media relative to the second read/write mechanism in response a control signal (pars. 37-38). Guzik discloses wherein multiple areas of second information (burst information) are stored within the storage medium (par. 62).

Regarding claim 6, Marshall discloses wherein the controller is configured to generate a third signal configured to cause a timing window to be generated wherein a timing signal is generated in response to the first signal (par. 66). Guzik discloses wherein a timing signal is generated in response to the burst information (par. 63).

Regarding claim 7, Marshall further discloses a read/write mechanism configured to read second information from the media during the timing window (par. 66).

Regarding claim 8, Marshall further discloses a read/write mechanism configured to write second information to the media during the timing window (par. 66).

Regarding claim 9, Marshall discloses a method of reading information from a semiconductor storage device comprising: reading first information from a media in the semiconductor storage device (par. 66); generating a first signal in response to reading the first information (par. 39); and generating a second signal (110, fig. 2 and pars. 48 and 57), the second signal configured to cause second information to be read from the media during a first time period (par. 66). Marshall fails to disclose wherein the second signal is generated from the first information read from the medium. In the same field of endeavor, Guzik discloses generating a second signal including timing information from first information read from a medium (par. 60). It would have been obvious to one

of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method disclosed by Marshall by generating the timing signal from the first information read from the medium as taught by Guzik. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention would have been motivated to generate the timing signal from the first information on the medium in order to generate a reproduction signal that is in phase with the bits on the medium.

Regarding claim 10, Marshall further discloses reading the second information from the media during the first time period (par. 37).

Regarding claim 11, Guzik discloses reading the first information from a first cluster on the media (par. 62); and reading the second information from a second cluster on the media during the first time period (pars. 66-67). Marshall discloses wherein the information is read based on the equations in par. 48 and par. 57, which in combination with Guzik are set using the timing information generated from the first information.

Regarding claims 12 and 13, Marshall discloses wherein the second signal is configured to cause third information to be written to the media during a second time period (pars. 48-64). Marshall discloses wherein the timing windows are based on the arbitrary phase components of the equations in paragraphs 48 and 57. The combination of Marshall and Guzik selects the timing windows based on the generated timing signals as taught by Guzik (par. 60).

Regarding claim 14, Guzik further discloses reading the first information

from a first cluster on the media ('servo bursts', par.66). Marshall discloses writing the second information to a second cluster on the media during the second time period (par. 66, fig. 1d and par. 44).

Regarding claim 15, Marshall discloses generating a third signal, the third signal configured to cause a position of the media to be adjusted relative to a read/write mechanism (110, fig. 2 and pars. 48 and 57). Guzik discloses wherein the third signal is generated from the first information (burst information, par. 64). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method disclosed by Marshall by generating a third signal based on first information read from the medium as taught by Guzik.. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention would have been motivated to modify the method disclosed by Marshall in order to generate a third signal based on first information in order to produce a tracking error signal from the reproduced information.

Regarding claims 16, Marshall discloses an atomic resolution storage device comprising: a media that includes a first cluster and a second cluster (par.43), the first cluster including first information (par. 39); first means for generating timing information (110D, fig. 2 and par. 66); and second means for writing second information in the second cluster using the timing information (pars. 37 and 66). Marshall discloses that the controller 110D generates timing windows for writing to the different clusters or arrays on the medium. Marshall fails to disclose where the timing windows are generated from the first information read from the medium. In the same field of endeavor, Guzik discloses servo burst information that contains timing information (par.

60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the storage device disclosed by Marshall in order to provide timing information on the medium as taught by Guzik. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention would have been motivated to provide timing information on the medium in order to read/write information at a proper bit density and phase such that jitter error is minimized.

Regarding claim 17, Marshall further discloses third means for reading third information from the second cluster using the timing information (par. 37). Marshall discloses a plurality of arrays or clusters and a plurality of means for reading and writing to the arrays using the timing information generated by the controller 110D.

Regarding claim 18, Marshall further discloses third means for generating position information (110D, fig. 2 and par. 44); and fourth means for adjusting the media relative to the second means in response to the position information (110C, fig. 2 and par. 44). Marshall fails to disclose wherein the position information is generated from the first information. Guzik further discloses that the burst information is used to generate a signal to adjust the position of the medium relative to the head (par. 64). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify the storage device disclosed by Marshall in order to provide information on the medium for generating a positioning signal as taught by Guzik. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to generate positioning information from information on a

storage device in order to adjust the 'tracking error' of the read/write means and the data bits.

Regarding claim 19, Marshall further discloses wherein the second cluster includes a plurality of patches, wherein each of the plurality of patches includes a plurality of tracks, and wherein the second means is for writing the second information to one of the plurality of tracks (135A, 135B, fig. 2 and par. 66).

Regarding claim 20, Marshall further discloses wherein the position information indicates a position of the second means relative to the one of the plurality of tracks (par. 44).

Regarding claim 21, Marshall further discloses wherein the fourth means is for adjusting the media relative to the second means in response to the position information to align the second means with a center of the one of the plurality of tracks (par. 44 and fig. 14). Guzik further discloses that a tracking error signal is generated from the first information for positioning the head at the at center of the track (par. 60).

Regarding claim 22, Marshall discloses an atomic resolution storage device comprising: a media including information (fig. 1d); a field emitter associated with the media, configured to read the information (par. 39); wherein the controller is configured to receive a first signal (110D, fig. 2); and wherein the controller is configured to generate a second signal (110E, 110F, fig. 2); a mover configured to adjust the position of the media relative to field emitter in response to the second signal (par. 44).

Marshall fails to disclose wherein the information is servo information, and wherein the position signal is generated from the servo information. In the same field of endeavor,

Guzik discloses servo burst information recorded on a medium, wherein position information is generated from the servo burst information (par. 60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to modify the storage device disclosed by Marshall in order to provide information on the medium for generating a positioning signal as taught by Guzik. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to generate positioning information from information on a storage device in order to adjust the 'tracking error' of the read/write means and the data bits.

Regarding claim 23, Marshall discloses a second field emitter configured to read second information from the medium (par. 44) and wherein the controller is configured to adjust the position of the medium relative to the second field emitter in response to the second signal (par. 44 and fig. 2). Guzik discloses wherein the information is servo information as applied above, and that the medium can contain a plurality of servo burst information areas (par. 62).

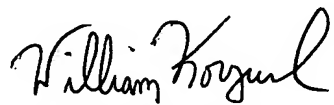
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tawfik Goma whose telephone number is (571) 272-4206. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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